Today's News - Tuesday, November 15, 2016

- A sad and disturbing news day: We are so saddened by the passing of Diana Balmori, the landscape architect known for "designing spaces that interface with architecture."
- Who hasn't weighed in on the AIA's initial statement of support for Trump, and its (two) apologies after "days of withering criticism" to the "AIA's tone-deaf response."
- Evitts Dickinson digs into the (sort of) details of Trump's infrastructure plans: it "relies heavily on private companies" and would be paid for by workers' income taxes and user fees - critics respond (it doesn't bode well).''
- Budds offers a shortlist of Trump's "trail of bad deals and banal buildings," and how "he has consistently disregarded the architecture profession" (groan).
- On to brighter news: NBC called architecture majors "useless" - and "the Internet fired back": "it is worth pointing out that NBC's shortlist belies a substantially more positive statistic.
- The 82-year-old Indian architect Raj Rewal reflects on the demolition of his pavilions on New Delhi's trade fair grounds, and talks about why "cities need design-literate people at the helm, not just politicians and lawyers."
- Q&A with Singapore-based architect Chua, "the man behind North Korea's next generation of architects," inspiring "an eclectic mix of building styles that would have been inconceivable a decade ago."
- Lynch parses Kéré's proposed masterful master plan for Burkina Faso's new parliament building that he hopes will "help his country heal."
- London's Royal College of Art taps H&deM to make its Battersea South campus "to become a more STEAM-focused university."
- Five stellar teams headed to Arkansas hoping to win over the jury deciding who will design the renovation and expansion of the Arkansas Arts Center.
- King cheers Handel's Rowan building: "At a time when too many new buildings look as though they were packaged rather than designed," this "addition to San Francisco's Potrero Avenue is positively refreshing."
- Brownell cheers Michael Green's wood building in Minneapolis: T3 "will be the largest mass timber building in the U.S. (although other tall-timber projects are on its heels)."
- Korody's great three-part Q&A with Denise Scott Brown re: "learning from 'Learning from Las Vegas.'"
- We cheer the 2016 Curbed Groundbreakers who are "out to change the world" (great profiles!).
- Eyefuls of the 2016 New Zealand Architecture Award winners - all 27 of 'em.
- Gunts and Russiello parse this year's crop of newly-named National Historic Landmarks - including a "Vonnegut (yes, Vonnegut)" - who knew?

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Toward a new Arkansas Arts Center: Five architectural firms present ideas on design, connectivity: The firms did not present schematics but talked about their projects... and how they would work with the public to satisfy community desires for the project. -- Allied Works; Shigeru Ban; Studio Gang; Thomas Phifer and Partners; Snohetta—Arkansas Times

John King: SF’s Rowan building shows strength in muscular exoskeleton: At a time when too many new buildings look as though they were packaged rather than designed - often packaged badly - the nine-story addition to San Francisco’s Potrero Avenue is positively refreshing. Even though it’s a nine-story concrete box. -- Handel Architects [images]—San Francisco Chronicle

Blaine Brownell: T3 Becomes the First Modern Tall Wood Building in the U.S.: The seven-story high-rise in Minneapolis...will be the largest mass timber building in the U.S...(although other tall-timber projects are on its heels)...T3 - short for “Timber, Technology, Transit”...paying homage to this timber heritage of its surrounding warehouse district... -- Michael Green Architecture; DLR Group [images]—Architect Magazine


Introducing the 2016 Curbed Groundbreakers: Nominated by you, and hand-picked by a panel of esteemed architecture and design professionals...They’re out to change the world. -- Sharon Davis Design; Kyle Fishburn/Kenber; Paul Luuex Architecture; Nadine Maleh/Institute for Public Architecture/Community Solutions; Juan Gabriel Moreno/JGMA; Florian Idenburg/Jing Liu/Ilias Papageorgiou/SO-IL [images]—Curbed

2016 New Zealand Architecture Awards announced: 27 projects, ranging from a colourful cycleway to a Maori immersion school, have been awarded... -- New Zealand Institute of Architects/NZIA [images]—ArchitectureNow (New Zealand)

Edward Gunts and James Russiell: Monuments, Man: Buildings by Goodhue, Richardson and Vonnegut (yes, Vonnegut) among those named National Historic Landmarks., -- Vonnegut & Bohn; Bertram Goodhue; H. H. Richardson; Jens Jensen; Albert Kahn; Theodore Link [images]—The Architect’s Newspaper

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